

DORCHESTER COUNTY 2003 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Number of Farms</i>	347	308	351
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	357	398	357
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	123,762	122,443	125,385

<i>Livestock Inventory</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Cattle</i>	979	589	316
<i>Hogs</i>	15,591	2,529	2,907
<i>Sheep</i>	31	²	²

<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> ¹			
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			83,866
<i>Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)</i>			57,379
<i>Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)</i>			12,848
<i>Vegetables (\$1,000)</i>			11,900

<i>Demographic Data</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	51.3	53.3	56.0
<i>Percent Female Operators</i>	16.4	4.2	11.4

<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>			160
<i>Equine Inventory</i>			460
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>			\$5,280,000

<i>Crop Production Acres</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	7	<i>Soybeans</i>	3
<i>Barley</i>	5	<i>Vegetables</i>	1
<i>Forage</i>	23	<i>Wheat</i>	5

<i>Livestock & Poultry Inventories</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	23	<i>Milk Cows</i>	22
<i>Broilers</i>	5	<i>Sheep</i>	21
<i>Hogs</i>	4		

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	21,600	134.3	2,901,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	24,500	86.2	2,112,500
	<i>2003</i>	22,800	141.4	3,224,000
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	*	*	*
	<i>2002</i>	*	*	*
	<i>2003</i>	*	*	*
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	57,600	40.1	2,311,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	45,200	19.7	888,400
	<i>2003</i>	40,500	36.6	1,481,000
<i>Wheat (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	14,000	64.3	900,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	13,700	70.5	965,400
	<i>2003</i>	11,200	38.9	436,000
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	1,000	2.0	2,000
	<i>2002</i>	700	2.0	1,400
	<i>2003</i>	600	2.0	1,200
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i> ³	3,600	77.4	278,700
	<i>2002</i> ³	3,500	74.7	261,400
	<i>2003</i>	3,400	59.3	201,700

³ Revised.

* Acreage too small to publish.

	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$73.58	\$67.50	\$62.72

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